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**ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TOWN OFFICERS
OF THE
TOWN OF ORANGE
NEW HAMPSHIRE**



**FOR THE YEAR ENDING
DECEMBER 31, 1996**

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**The Town of Orange
Remembers**

**Roy Goodearl
1915-1996**

and

**Laura Sturtevant
1912-1996**

DEDICATION

This year's Town Report is dedicated to four of our town's artists: the late Guy Bagley, Ruth Bagley, who now lives in Lebanon, Gary Hamel and Mildred (Mike) Wells. At our 1995 Town Meeting Gary Hamel presented to the Town of Orange a number of wonderful paintings, all gifts from Ruth and Gary. Since then Gary has hung the paintings up in the Town House.

Mike Wells is another local artist and she painted quite a unique replica of our Town House to be added to the collection.

Thanks again to these special people for sharing with our Town these gifts from their collections of hard work.

SELECTMEN

Charles Sova'97*Carol Decato'98*Geraldine Daniels'99

MODERATOR

Daniel Hazelton

TOWN CLERK

Nancy Pike

DEPUTY CLERK

Cindy Dorward

TREASURER

Linda Bateman

TAX COLLECTOR

Sharon Proulx

DEEDING AGENT

Sharon Proulx

SCHOOL BOARD REPRESENTATIVE Charles Sova

OVERSEER OF PUBLIC WELFARE

Selectmen

TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS

Judith Connelly

CEMETERY

HEALTH

POLICE

AGENT

OFFICER

CHIEF

David Heath

Donald Pfaefflin

Andrew Ware

PLANNING BOARD

Fred Moore,Chairman*Fred Young*Joseph Cioffi

Daniel Hazelton*Ray Miller*Lyell Smith

Geraldine Daniels,Selectmens' Representative

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Donald Pfaefflin,Chairman*Wayne Knight

Beverly Ells*Donna Dias

Charles Sova,SelectmensRepresentative

Judith Connelly, Alternate

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Bruce Ells

CEMETERY COMMISSION

Elwin Grace Anita Watson Cliff Williamson

FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Brent Stevens

Larry Belloir

DEPUTY WARDENS Daniel Hazelton Raymond Miller

AUDITORS Scott Sanborn Catherine Ells

BUILDING INSPECTOR Donald Pfaefflin

BUDGET COMMITTEE

John Bayliss Tim Connelly Lyell Smith

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

TOWN OF ORANGE

TOWN WARRANT

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the inhabitants of the Town of Orange, in the county of Grafton in said state, qualified to vote in Town affairs.

As the Town has adopted the use of the Official Ballot for Town Meeting, there will be two separate sessions of the Annual Town Meeting as follows:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the First Session of the Annual Town Meeting will meet at the Town House in said Orange on Wednesday, the 12th day of March 1997 at seven o'clock p.m. to discuss and debate Warrant articles 2 through 12, including the amendment of those articles as set forth below.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Second Session of the Annual Town Meeting will be held at the Town House in said Orange on Tuesday, the 8th day of April 1997 at eleven o'clock a.m. to vote on all articles in the Warrant in the form as determined by the First Session and also to choose Town Officers under article 1. The polls will open at 11:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m..

ARTICLE 1: To choose by ballot and plurality vote a Town Clerk, a Town Treasurer, 1 Selectman for three years, 1 Cemetery Agent, 1 Overseer of Public Welfare for one year, 1 Budget Committee Member for three years, 2 Auditors for one year, 1 Road Agent, 1 Tax Collector, 1 Deeding Agent, 1 Trustee of Trust Funds for one year and any other officers required by law.

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to give a discount of 3% on taxes paid in full within thirty days from the date of the bills with the stipulation that the discount becomes forfeited if it is not deducted by the payer at the time the payment is made.

(RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN)

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the prepayment of taxes and to authorize the Tax Collector to accept payments in prepayment of taxes in accordance with N.H. RSA 80:52-a.

(RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN)

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the prepayment of resident taxes and authorize the Tax Collector to accept payment in prepayment of taxes.

(RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN)

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the Highway Block Grant Fund of \$21,634.57 for construction, reconstruction and maintenance of Class V highways and for the purchase of equipment.

(RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN)

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will discontinue the Tuttle Hill Road Bridge Fund and to direct the Trustee of Trust Funds to pay the balance in said fund to the Town, as provided in RSA 35:16-a.

(RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN)

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to establish a new capital reserve fund for the purpose of purchasing highway related equipment, to be known as the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund and to appropriate \$4,500 to be paid into said capital reserve fund.

(RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN)

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the operating budget for the Town for the fiscal year 1997. The question to be voted on by Official Ballot as required by RSA 40:13, XI, is as follows:

"Shall the Town raise and appropriate as an operating budget not including appropriations by special warrant articles, the amount set forth on the budget posted with the Warrant, for the purposes set forth herein, totaling \$107,898?

Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$100,183 which is the same as last year with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law, or the governing body (the Board of Selectman) may hold one special meeting in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XIV to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only."

(RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN)

ARTICLE 9: To see if the town will vote to dispose of any right, title and interest that it may have in land located between route 4 and the former railroad tracks and to authorize the Selectmen to deed said interest or portion thereof to such abutters as the Selectmen deem to be in the best interests of the Town, subject to the condition that the abutters acquiring the Town's interest will pay all expenses relating to the deeding of the Town's interest.

(RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN)

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to modify the elderly exemption from the property tax in the Town as provided in RSA 72:39-b. The question to be voted on as required by RSA 72:39-b, I(c), is as follows:

"Shall we modify the elderly exemptions from property tax in the town of Orange, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, \$15,000; for a person 75

years of age up to 80 years, \$20,000; for a person 80 years of age or older \$30,000. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 5 years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married for at least 5 years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$15,000 or, if married, a combined net income of less than \$25,000; and own net assets not in excess of \$60,000."

(RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN)

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to appoint a committee of five Orange residents, none of whom shall be Town Officers, to study the salaries of Town Officers and report their findings in the next annual Town Report, including any warrant article, if any, they deem appropriate.

(RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN)

ARTICLE 12: To hear the reports of agents, auditors, and other officers heretofore and pass any vote relative thereto.

ARTICLE 13: To transact any business that may legally come before the meeting not on the warrant.

GIVEN UNDER OUR HAND AND SEAL THIS SIXTEENTH DAY OF FEBRUARY IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY SEVEN.

Carol E. Decato

Geraldine Daniels

Charles E. Sova

**ORANGE TOWN BUDGET
PURPOSES OF APPROPRIATION**

	Appropriation 1996	Expenditure 1996	Appropriation 1997
General Government			
Officers Salaries	\$6,200	\$7,029	\$7,200
Elections & Registration	1,600	1,119	1,000
Property Reappraisal	2,000	0	2,000
Legal Expenses	1,000	190	1,000
FICA Payments	1,100	1,289	1,400
Planning and Zoning	750	129	300
General Gov't Bldings	2,600	2,453	2,600
Cemeteries	1,500	866	1,500
Insurance	5,000	6,231	7,000
Membership	1,300	1,155	1,200
Officers Expenses	3,000	2,695	3,000
Public Safety			
Police Department	5,000	2,344	6,000
FAST Squad (Canaan)	1,000	1,000	2,000
Fire Department	5,477	5,477	6,898
Building Inspection	150	150	150
Emergency Mgmt. E911	250	160	1,000
Highway & Streets			
Highway	44,956	61,700	45,000
Sanitation			
Garbage Removal	13,000	12,791	13,000
Recycling	650	0	2,000
Health			
Animal Control	50	0	50
Grafton County Senior Citizens & Mascoma Home Health	1,250	1,246	1,250
Welfare			
Direct Assistance	1,500	0	1,500

	Appropriation 1996	Expenditure 1996	Appropriation 1997
Culture and Recreation			
Town Socials	50	50	50
Patriotic Purposes	50	0	50
Capital Outlay			
Town Hall Safety	500	0	500
Town Hall Fire	250	0	250
Totals	100,183	108,074	107,898

SOURCES OF REVENUE

	Estimate 1995	Actual 1995	Estimate 1996
Taxes			
Land use change tax	0	0	0
Resident Taxes	1,400	1,340	1,400
Yield taxes	8,000	10,257	9,000
Int. & Pen. on			
Delinquent taxes	2,000	4,401	2,000
Inventory Penalties	100	0	100
Licenses, Permits & Fees			
UCC	100	41	50
Motor vehicle			
permit fees	17,500	26,421	22,500
Building Permits	200	130	100
Other licenses,			
permits & fees	375	1,335	500
From Federal Government			
FEMA	12,342	12,342	0
From State			
Shared Revenue	4,500	4,802	4,750
Highway Block Grant	18,956	18,956	21,635
State & Fed. Forest			
Land Reimb	3,500	4,380	4,000
Meals and Rooms Tax	0	2,014	1,500

	Estimate 1996	Actual 1996	Estimate 1997
Miscellaneous Revenues			
Interest on investments	2,500	3,909	3,000
Tuttle Hill Bridge Transfer	0	11,901	0
Total Revenue & Credits	71,473	101,419	75,035

SUMMARY OF VALUATION
As of December 31, 1995

Land	\$10,904,920
Buildings-Residential	9,500,940
Public Utilities	363,900
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TREASURER'S REPORT
FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1996

Beginning Balance	
Cash on Hand 1/1/95	\$161,370.57
Received from Town Clerk	
Motor vehicle permits	25,919.00
Titles	110.00
Municipal agent fee	391.50
Dog Licenses	480.00
Dog License Penalties	55.00
Dog Fines Levied	400.00
Town Filing Fees (elections)	65.00
UCC Filings	41.00
Vital Stats	285.00
TOTAL:	\$27,746.50
Received from Mascoma Schools:	
Checklist Reimbursement	45.00
Received from Selectmen:	
Building Permits	120.00
Pistol Permits	50.00
Driveway Permits	10.00
Current Use Apps	10.00
Zoning Copies	15.00
Dept Income/Police Dept	5.00
Timber Tax Bond	1,000.00
Comp Funds NH Reimbursement	976.00
Interest Income	97.81
Return on Contribution	433.80
UV Waste Mgmt Reimbursement	549.65
IRS (941 4th Qtr Refund)	15.35
FEMA Money (Fall 1995 storm damage)	12,342.00
TOTAL:	15,624.61

Received from State	
Rooms/Meals Tax	2,014.42
State of NH Highway Block Grant	18,498.07
Forest Land Reimbursement	4,380.48
State of NH Revenue Sharing	4,801.98
State of NH Supplemental Grant	458.08
TOTAL:	30,153.03
Received from Trustee of Trust Funds	
Tuttle Hill Bridge Fund	11,091.05
Received from Banks:	
Interest - checking	90.91
Interest - Money Management	3,733.38
FEMA Savings	85.16
TOTAL:	3,909.45
Received from Tax Collector	
Tax Liens Redeemed 1993	5,173.91
Interest & Costs 1993	2,394.01
Tax Liens Redeemed 1994	6,433.80
Interest & Costs 1994	1,904.87
Tax Liens Redeemed 1995	1,814.75
Interest & Costs 1995	102.36
Yield Tax 1995	583.76
Interest 1995	73.86
Costs 1995	384.53
Yield Tax 1996	10,257.13
Property Taxes 1995	36,511.32
Property Tax Interest 1995	1,294.81
Resident Tax 1995	70.00
Resident Tax penalty 1995	5.00
Property Taxes 1996	219,994.63
Resident Tax 1996	1,270.00
Resident Tax penalty 1996	6.00
Pre-Pay Resident Tax 1997	10.00
TOTAL:	\$288,284.74
TOTAL RECEIPTS 1996	\$376,854.38

Paid on Orders of Selectmen	330,120.47
TOTAL PAYMENTS	\$330,120.47
Treasurer's Adjustments	
Income recorded incorrectly 1995	203.09
Adjustment	-.50
TOTAL:	202.59

Cash on hand December 31, 1996

Checking	1,658.35
Money Market Account	206,648.72
FEMA Savings	.00
TOTAL	\$208,307.07

1996 Tax Anticipation Loan	120,000.00
Amount Borrowed	.00
Interest Paid	.00
Interest Earned	3,909.45
Net Interest Earned	3,909.45

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK for the year ending December 31, 1996

Motor Vehicle Registrations	\$25,919.00
Titles	110.00
Municipal Agent Fees	391.50
(Issuance of Decals and plates)	
Dog Licenses	935.00
Neutered Males:30, Spayed Females:14, Males:11 Females:9, Group:2	
Voter List Fees	17.00
U.C.C. Filing and Searches	41.00
Town Filing Fees(elections)	10.00
Marriage Certificates/Vital Records	161.00
Dredge and Fill	38.00
Death Certificates	124.00
TOTAL PAID TO TREASURER FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1996	\$27,746.50

VITAL STATISTICS

For Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1996

BIRTHS:

September 24, 1996-Lebanon-Katie Mae Steller to
Kenneth W. & Ann Marie Steller

MARRIAGES:

July 13, 1996-Vanessa Ivy Rocke, Orange, NH to
Robert Louis Stone, Orange in Canaan, NH
August 3, 1996-Amy E. Edson, W. Canaan, NH to
Robin P. Kennedy, Orange, NH in Canaan, NH
October 12, 1996-Jennifer Lynne Cattabriga, Orange, NH to
Walter Charlie Hammond Jr., Orange NH in Enfield, NH

DEATHS:

January 4, 1996-Richard Andrew Moulton-Age 66
December 13, 1996-Roy Harold Goodearl-Age 81

We hereby certify that the above information is
correct according to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Nancy Pike and Cindy Dorward
Town Clerk and Deputy Town Clerk

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1996

Uncollected Taxes:

Property Taxes	38,600.63	0.00	0.00
Resident Taxes	190.00	10.00	0.00
Land Use Charge	0.00	0.00	0.00
Yield Taxes	0.00	0.00	0.00
Utilities	0.00	0.00	0.00

Taxes Committed This Year:

Property Taxes	257,703.93
Resident Taxes	1,680.00
Land Use Change	0.00
Yield Taxes	11,251.38
Utilities	0.00

Property Taxes	9.78
Resident Taxes	0.00
Land Use Change	0.00
Yield Taxes	0.00
Add on Resident Tax	10.00

Interest Collected	
On Delinquent Taxes	0.00

Tax Penalties	6.00		
TOTAL DEBITS	\$270,261.09	\$38,790.63	\$10.00

LEVIES OF	<u>1996</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>1994</u>
Remitted to Treasurer			
During Fiscal Year			
Property Taxes	219,914.63	36,511.32	0.00
Resident Taxes	1,270.00	70.00	0.00
Land Use Change	0.00	0.00	0.00
Yield Taxes	10,257.13	0.00	0.00
Utilities	0.00	0.00	0.00
Interest	0.00	0.00	0.00
Penalties	6.00	0.00	0.00
Short on Yield Tax	0.78		
Discounts allowed:	6,632.02		
Abatements Made			
Property Taxes	0.00	2,089.31	0.00
Resident Taxes	60.00	50.00	0.00
Land Use Change	0.00	0.00	0.00
Yield Taxes	0.00	0.00	0.00
Utilities	0.00	0.00	0.00
Uncollected Revenue			
End of Year			
Property Taxes	30,687.06	0.00	0.00
Resident Taxes	360.00	70.00	10.00
Land Use Change	0.00	0.00	0.00
Yield Taxes	993.47	0.00	0.00
Utilities	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL CREDITS	\$270,261.09	\$38,790.63	\$10.00

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1996

LEVIES OF	<u>1995</u>	<u>1994</u>	<u>1993</u>
Unredeemed Liens			
Balance at Beginning of Fiscal Year	0.00	\$7,618.18	\$5,173.91
Liens Sold or Executed During Fiscal Year & Deeds	\$2,958.13	0.00	0.00
Interest Collected After Sale/Lien Execution			
Interest & Costs	102.36	1,904.87	2,394.01
Overpayment	0.03	0.00	0.00
TOTAL DEBIT	\$3,060.52	\$9,523.05	\$7,567.92
Remittance to Treasurer:			
Redemptions	\$1,814.75	\$6,433.80	\$5,173.91
Interest/Costs After Sale or Lien Execution	102.36	1,904.87	2,394.01
Unredeemed Liens			
Bal. End of Year	1,143.41	1,184.38	0.00
TOTAL CREDITS	\$3,060.52	\$9,523.05	\$7,567.92
Sharon Lee Proulx, Tax Collector			

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY
As of December 31, 1996

Town Hall & Land	77,400.00
Other Town Properties	
Land	73,700.00
Land CU	37,437.00
Furniture & Equipment	10,000.00
Library - Books and Equipment	2,000.00
Police Department	2,000.00
Highway Department	40,000.00
Cemetery Department	1,500.00
TOTAL	<u>244,037.00</u>
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Number of Inventories Distributed 1994	201
Appropriations Expended:	
Town	\$108,074
School	185,951
County	18,984
Other:	
Taxes bought by Town	2,958
GRAND TOTAL	<u>\$315,967</u>
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Tax Rate Per	\$1,000.00
Municipal	\$0.96
County	\$1.25
School	<u>\$15.06</u>
TOTAL	\$17.27

REPORT OF COMMON TRUST FUNDS FOR 1996 ORANGE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Date Created	FUND	Balance 1/1/96	12/31/96
8 23 15	Hannah M. French	200.00	200.00
5 2 17	Jennie M. French	200.00	200.00
3 28 33	Arthur A. Briggs	100.00	100.00
3 27 34	Clara A. Huse	100.00	100.00
8 9 34	Asa Hoyt	100.00	100.00
3 13 56	Mr. & Mrs. Harry Eastman	250.00	250.00
3 13 56	Abbie Fellows	250.00	250.00
3 13 56	Mr. & Mrs. A. Ford	250.00	250.00
3 13 56	Mr. & Mrs. Charles Ford	250.00	250.00
3 13 56	Lyman Batchelder	100.00	100.00
TOTALS		1,800.00	1,800.00

INCOME		Interest 5.00%	
8 23 15	Hannah M. French	424.23	460.97
5 2 17	Jennie M. French	671.89	723.23
3 28 33	Arthur A. Briggs	188.11	205.06
3 27 34	Clara A. Huse	157.79	173.17
8 9 34	Asa Hoyt	167.89	183.65
3 13 56	Mr. & Mrs. Harry Eastman	499.95	544.10
3 13 56	Abbie Fellows	628.08	679.78
3 13 56	Mr. & Mrs. A. Ford	651.02	704.07
3 13 56	Mr. & Mrs. Charles Ford	698.66	754.52
3 13 56	Lyman Batchelder	166.35	182.02
TOTALS		4,254.17	4,610.57

**REPORT OF COMMON TRUST FUNDS FOR 1996
ORANGE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
FUND BALANCE**

8 23 15	Hannah M. French	660.97
5 2 17	Jennie M. French	923.23
3 28 33	Arthur A. Briggs	305.06
3 27 34	Clara A. Huse	273.17
8 9 34	Asa Hoyt	283.65
3 13 56	Mr. & Mrs. Harry Eastman	794.10
3 13 56	Abbie Fellows	929.78
3 13 56	Mr. & Mrs. A. Ford	954.07
3 13 56	Mr. & Mrs. Charles Ford	1,004.52
3 13 56	Lyman Batchelder	282.02
TOTALS		6,410.57

**REPORT OF TRUST FUNDS FOR 1996
TUTTLE HILL ROAD BRIDGE FUND**

Mascoma Savings Bank CDs

<u>Date Created</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Balance 1/1/96</u>	<u>12/31/96</u>
3/ 29/ 89	386008838	6,078.71	0.00
4 /10 /89	386008987	1,516.35	4,418.12
3 /22 /90	386009136	1,083.67	0.00
TOTALS		8,678.73	4,418.42

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

TOWN OFFICER SALARIES

Carol Decato	\$1,000.00
Charles Sova	\$1,000.00
Cindy Dorward	\$1,135.00
Cindy M. Dorward	\$748.00
Daniel Hazelton	\$60.00
Geraldine Daniels	\$1,000.00
John Bayliss	\$50.00
Joseph Cioffi	\$50.00
Judith Connelly	\$100.00
Linda Bateman	\$625.00
Lyell Smith	\$50.00
Nancy Pike	\$100.00
Scott Sanborn	\$50.00
Sharon Proulx	\$1,011.00
Tim Connelly	<u>\$50.00</u>
Total	\$7,029.00

TOWN OFFICER EXPENSES

Anita Watson	\$18.20
Canaan Postmaster	\$34.52
Carol Decato	\$60.80
Carol Elliott	\$115.84
Charles Sova	\$498.24
Cindy Dorward	\$55.55
CPI	\$274.19
DATOWN	\$510.60
Dora Rapalyea	\$16.50
McBee Systems	\$121.44
Messenger	\$28.00
Michie	\$49.49
Nancy Pike	\$25.00
NH Dept of Agr	\$152.50
NH Health Officers	\$15.00
NH Tax Coll Assn	\$15.00
NH Treasurer	\$266.00
NHCTCA	\$5.00
Postmaster	\$88.00
Register of Deeds	\$10.00
Sharon Proulx	\$99.34

Staples	\$19.25
Stark & Son	\$33.99
US Postal Service	<u>\$182.60</u>
Total	\$2,695.05

PLANNING AND ZONING

Fred Young	\$73.52
UVLSRPC	\$30.00
Fred Moore	<u>\$25.00</u>
Total	\$128.52

TOWN HALL EXPENSES

All Star Gas	\$891.35
Charles Sova	\$58.40
City of Lebanon	\$25.00
Lebanon	\$25.00
NH Elec Coop	\$614.68
NYNEX	\$352.69
Synergy Gas	<u>\$485.84</u>
Total	\$2,452.96

MEMBERSHIP

NHMA	\$500.00
UVLSRPC	\$220.00
Grftn Cty Sen Ctzn	<u>\$435.00</u>
Total	\$1,155.00

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Andrew Ware	<u>\$2,504.32</u>
Total	\$2,504.32

HIGHWAYS & BRIDGES

Blaktop	\$434.98
Brownie's Auto Parts	\$121.21
Canaan Hardware	\$109.36
Cargill Salt	\$781.59
Evans	\$668.15
Garrett Decato	\$2,375.00

Gleason Decato	\$2,830.00
Henry Bill	\$261.00
Miller Auto	\$129.48
Northern States Tire	\$513.30
R Remacle Const	\$52,845.98
Shaker Valley	\$274.52
Twin State Snd & Grv	\$215.06
Windshield World	<u>\$140.00</u>
Total	\$61,699.63

CEMETERY

David Heath	\$720.75
Canaan Hardware	\$6.89
Don's Spt&Pwr	<u>\$137.95</u>
Total	\$865.59

ELECTION & REGISTRATION EXPENSE

Anita Watson	\$102.00
Bruce Ells	\$56.74
Carol Decato	\$80.00
Charles Sova	\$80.00
Cynthia Moore	\$20.00
Daniel Hazelton	\$80.00
Evans Printing	\$27.57
Gary Hamel	\$20.00
Gearaldine Daniels	\$80.00
Howard Read	\$20.00
Louise Cady	\$118.00
Mary Lindahl	\$78.00
Maryann Miller	\$40.00
Messenger	\$231.00
Nancy Pike	\$80.00
Valley News	<u>\$6.06</u>
Total	\$1,119.37

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Donald Pfaefflin	\$130.76
Canaan FAST, Inc.	\$1,000.00
NH H'lth Officers Ass'n	\$15.00
Visiting Nurse	<u>\$1,100.00</u>
Total	\$2,245.76

INSURANCE & SOCIAL SECURITY

Comp. Funds of NH	\$2,108.00
NHMA Prpty-Lblty Ins	\$3,123.00
Alexander&alexander	\$1,000.00
IRS	<u>\$1,289.41</u>
Total	\$7,520.41

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Town of Canaan	<u>\$5,476.80</u>
Total	\$5,476.80

LEGAL

Gardner & Fulton	<u>\$189.66</u>
Total	\$189.66

SANITATION

Mansur&Sons	\$12,460.62
Town of Grafton	<u>\$330.00</u>
Total	\$12,790.62

RECREATION AND CULTURE

Gary Hamel	<u>\$50.00</u>
Total	\$50.00

PAYMENT TO OTHER GOVERNMENT DIVISIONS

MVRSD	\$185,950.76
Grafton County	<u>\$18,984.00</u>
	\$204,934.76

AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Selectmen of Orange, New Hampshire

We would first like to extend our thanks to the Town Officials for their cooperation, assistance and preparedness for the town audit. Their time and effort is greatly appreciated.

No corrections or adjustments were found to be necessary as result of this year's audit. It is noteworthy that at no time during the past year did we have to borrow money for town operating expenses. Great work!

The auditors would like to make the following two recommendations:

1. That the Selectmen keep an itemized ledger or spreadsheet of moneys received and paid to the Treasurer, with annual totals forwarded to the Treasurer to aid in year-end reports.

2. That the Treasurer submit to the Selectmen a record of payments received directly by the Treasurer so that they may be included in the Selectmen's reports.

Again, thanks to all for their cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott C. Sanborn
Catherine A. Ells

Town Auditors, Town of Orange

GRAFTON COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL Annual Report 1996

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. works through its local programs to enhance the health and well being of our older citizens and to assist them to remain independent in their own homes and communities for as long as possible. Through eight locations throughout the County, including Plymouth, Bristol, Canaan, Lebanon, Orford, Haverhill, Littleton and Lincoln, older adults and their families are able to obtain services such as home delivered meals, senior dining room programs, transportation, social work services, information and referral, health and educational programs, adult day care, recreation and opportunities to be of service to the community through volunteering.

During 1996, 12 older residents of Orange were able to make use of one or more of GCSCC's services. These individuals enjoyed balanced meals in the company of friends in a senior dining room, received hot, nourishing meals delivered to their homes by caring volunteers, were transported to health care providers or other community resources by our lift-equipped buses, and found opportunities to put their talents and skills to work for a better community through volunteer service. The cost to provide these services for Orange residents was \$1,927.89.

Community based services provided by GCSCC and its many volunteers for older residents of Orange were often important to their efforts to remain in their own homes and out of institutional care despite chronic health problems and increasing physical frailty, saving tax dollars and contributing to the quality of life of our older friends and neighbors.

GCSCC very much appreciates the support of the Orange community for services which enhance the independence and dignity of our older citizens and assists them to meet the challenges of aging in place.

Carol W. Dustin, Executive Director

GRAFTON COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL, INC.

Statistics for the Town of Orange

October 1, 1995 to September 30, 1996

During this fiscal year, GCSCC served 12 Orange residents (out of 54 residents over 60, 1990 Census).

Services	Type	Units	x Cost=	\$ of Services
Congregate/Home				
Delivered	Meals	302	\$4.91	\$1,482.82
Transportation	Trips	27	\$6.47	\$174.69
Adult Day Service	Hrs	0	\$3.69	\$0.00
Social Services	Half Hrs	22	\$12.29	\$270.38

Number of Orange Volunteers: 3. Number of
Volunteer Hours: 165.

GCSCC cost to provide services for Orange
residents only \$1,927.89
Request for Senior Services for 1996 \$435.00
Received from Town of Orange for 1996 \$435.00
Request for Senior Services for 1997 \$435.00

NOTES:

- 1. Unit cost from Audit Report for October 1, 1995 to September 30, 1996.
- 2. Services were funded by: Federal and State Programs 51%, Municipalities, Grants & Contracts, County and United Way 14%, Contributions 12%, In Kind donations 20%, Other 1%, Friends of GCSCC 2%

COMPARATIVE INFORMATION

From Audited Financial Statement for GCSCC Fiscal
Years 1995/1996
October 1 - September 30

UNITS OF SERVICE PROVIDED

	FY 1995	FY 1996
Dining Room Meals	61,823	65,473
Home Delivered Meals	100,938	102,677
Transportation(Trips)	39,655	38,976
Adult Day Services(Hours)	12,155	11,015
Social Services(1/2 Hours)	10,730	9,541

UNITS OF SERVICE COST

	FY 1995	FY 1996
Congregate/Home		
Delivered Meals	\$4.33	\$4.91
Transportation(Trips)	5.46	6.47
Adult Day Services	2.71	3.69
Social Services	11.90	12.29
For all units based on Audit Report, October 1,1995 to September 30, 1996		

REPORT TO THE CITIZENS OF COUNCIL DISTRICT ONE

By
Raymond S. Burton
Councilor - District One

It is an honor to report to you as a member of the New Hampshire Executive Council. The Executive Council is five in number and serves much like a Board of Directors at the top of your Executive Branch of State Government in Concord. We vote on most contracts over \$2,500 to outside agencies, individuals and municipalities, also major permits to use state waters, 267 unclassified positions as Commissioners and Directors within the Executive Branch of State Government, and the entire Judicial Branch of NH State Government is voted in by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Executive Council. We also vote on gubernatorial nominations of hundreds of citizens to various boards and commissions as prescribed by NH law.

Anyone desiring further information should write or call our State House Office (listed below).

Citizens in this region should be attentive to several projects:

1) The statewide Health Care Council's 18 month planning project will be coming to a conclusion in December of 1997. There are three very active Councils in the District. Information can be obtained by calling Commissioner Terry Morton, Department of Health and Human Services at 1-800-852-3345.

2) The ten year highway planning process will be underway this coming summer and fall. I will be conducting at least three hearings in this district to ascertain regional needs. Information on this project can be obtained by calling Commissioner Leon Keniston, Department of Transportation at 271-3735.

3) The NH Joint Tourist Promotional Program will, I expect, be funded at least with \$500,000 to be matched by local Chamber of Commerce and tourist groups to promote your region. Information on this program can be obtained from Robb Thomson, Department of Resources and Economic Development at 271-2411.

4) There is approximately \$172,000 waiting to be matched by local economic development promotion dollars from local groups. Information can be obtained from Director Norman Storrs, Economic Development at 271-2341.

5) There is about 10 million dollars waiting for applications from local governments for Community Development Block Grants to improve your local town and area. Information can be obtained by calling Director Jeff Taylor, Office of State Planning at 271-2155.

6) Local towns, cities, counties and eligible organizations should be aware of the large Federal and State Surplus Distribution Programs (the state surplus distribution center is open to the public at White Farm on Clinton Street in Concord, NH on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Further information may be obtained by calling Supervisor Art Haeussler, Surplus Distribution at 271-2602.

7) Citizens and groups concerned with disabilities should be aware of the large number of services available from the Developmental Disabilities Council by calling Director Alan Robichaud at 271-3236.

8) The Department of Environmental Services covering water, sewers, air, lakes and rivers has available information and financial resources by calling Commissioner Robert Varney or Assistant Commissioner Dana Bisbee at 271-3503.

9) The Department of Health and Human Services including elderly, mental health, human services, public health, drug and alcohol abuse are all under Commissioner Terry Morton at 1-800-852-3345.

Our State Government is small, effective and efficient. It is amazing how many services both technical information and financial assistance is available to eligible applicants and for proposals.

Please call my office at any time. I am at your service!

Raymond S. Burton
State House - Room 207
Concord NH 03301
Office - 603-271-3632

VISITING NURSE ALLIANCE VERMONT & NEW HAMPSHIRE

During the past year, 387 medically necessary home care and hospice visits were made by nurses, physical therapists, home health aides, occupational therapists, speech therapists and social workers, from the Mascoma Home Health Services Branch office, in collaboration with the attending physician to persons of all ages and all economic means in the Town of Orange. The Hospice and Special Care programs brought an interdisciplinary team together to manage the symptoms of life limiting illness, improve comfort, and provide support to patients and their families in the final stages of life. Additional home care services were provided through our homemaker and personal care service program.

With major changes happening in health care, there is increased pressure to reduce hospital stays and reduce nursing home beds. It is logical that services will continue to shift toward home care and other community settings. While the majority of services are presently covered by Medicare, Medicaid and commercial insurance, the town funds are critical in helping to support care for people without insurance, with inadequate insurance, and without the ability to pay for services.

The total cost of service for residents of the Town of Orange in the past year was approximately \$19,070. While we have concerns about Federal and State funding, we wish to ask the Town for level funding of \$1,100 for both home care(\$1,000) and hospice(\$100). We'll continue to seek other funds to help support the losses in the towns.

Many thanks for your past support and for your consideration. I'd be pleased to meet with you and the Selectmen at any time.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth J. Davis RN, MPH, Chief Executive Director

UPPER VALLEY LAKE SUNAPEE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION 1996

The Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission (UVLSRPC) is a voluntary association of 31 towns. The Commission is concerned with the development of comprehensive plans for beneficial and balanced economic, environmental and social growth in the Region. It functions as a research, resource and informational agency and, when appropriate, acts to obtain Federal, State and other approvals, grants-in-aid, loans and similar assistance to member communities in the areas of planning(land use, transportation, water quality, etc.), mapping, community development, grantsmanship and grant administration. In addition, regional studies, such as our Regional Transportation Plan, and regional projects, such as household hazardous waste collections and the

Connecticut River Scenic Byway Study, are undertaken to the benefit of more than one community.

In the past year, services such as our Planning Board training series, and library, which features maps, planning resources and US Census data, were available to all of our member communities. This year, our staff wrote a successful grant application to fund and staff an economic development program for our ten Grafton County towns. Our economic development team has been hired and will be in touch with the Selectmen in the near future to discuss ways they could be of service to you.

The Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission(UVLSRPC) requests \$220 for the Town's 1997 dues. Dues for New Hampshire communities are calculated using a rate of 93 cents per capita and are based on the 1990 population. In Orange's case, the 1990 population was 237 people. There is no increase in our 1997 request from our 1991 request. Our Commission looks forward to serving Orange in the coming year.

REPORT OF TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER

To aid your Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department and State Forest Ranger, contact your local Warden or Fire Department to find out if a permit is required before doing any open burning. Violations of RSA 227-L:17, the fire permit law and other burning laws of the State of New Hampshire are misdemeanors punishable by fines of up to \$2,000 and/or a year in jail. Violators are also liable for all

fire suppression costs.

There are ten Forest Rangers who work for the N.H. Division of Forests and Lands, Forest Protection Bureau. State Forest Rangers are available to assist communities with forest fire suppression, prevention and training programs as well as the enforcement of forest fire and timber harvest laws. If you have any questions regarding forest fire and timber harvest laws please call our office at 271-2217.

The State of New Hampshire operates 15 fire towers, 2 mobile patrols and 3 contract aircraft patrols. This early detection and reports from citizens aid in the quick response from local fire departments.

1996 Fire Statistics
(Cost Shared)

Fires Reported by County		Causes of Fires Reported	
Belknap	6	Smoking	5
Carroll	7	Debris Burning	34
Cheshire	13	Campfire	16
Coos	10	Power Line	4
Grafton	12	Railroad	2
Hillsborough	19	Equipment use	1
Merrimack	14	Lightning	2
Rockingham	15	Children	22
Strafford	5	OHRV	1
Sullivan	6	Miscellaneous	20

TOTAL FIRES 107

"REMEMBER, ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT FOREST FIRES!"

Douglas C. Miner
Forest Ranger

Brent L. Stevens
Forest Fire Warden

ORANGE TOWN MEETING MINUTES

March 12, 1996

Polls opened at 3:02pm by Moderator, Daniel Hazelton.

Business meeting started at 7:00 pm.

Moderator, Daniel Hazelton opened the meeting by introducing the Town Officers and thanking them for their hard work. He then went over the rules of the meeting. A Motion was made to dispense with the reading of the Town Warrant.

ARTICLE 1: To choose by ballot and plurality vote a Moderator, A Town Clerk, a Town Treasurer, 1 Selectman for three years, 1 Cemetery Agent, 1 Overseer of Public Welfare for one year, 1 Budget Committee Member for three years, 2 Auditors for one year, 1 Road Agent, 1 Tax Collector, 1 Deeding Agent, 1 Trustee of Trust Funds for one year and any other officers required by law.

ARTICLE 2: Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13 to allow official ballot voting on all issues before the Town of Orange?

(SUBMITTED BY PETITION)

(TO BE VOTED ON THE OFFICIAL BALLOT, REQUIRES 3/5 TO PASS)

The Moderator asked if there were any questions or discussion regarding this article. (When the official ballots were counted, after the meeting, the results on this article were:

YES 44 -- NO 29

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to give a discount of 3% on taxes paid in full within thirty days from the date of the bills with the stipulation that the discount becomes forfeited if it is not deducted by the payer at the time the payment is made. (RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN)

Article moved by Nate Harpootlian and seconded by Donald Pfaefflin. No discussion. Passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the prepayment of taxes and to authorize the Tax Collector to accept payments in prepayment of taxes in accordance with N.H. R.S.:80:52-a. (RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN)

Article was moved by Fred Moore and seconded by Bob Ells. No discussion. Passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the prepayment of resident taxes and authorize the Tax Collector to accept payment in prepayment of taxes. (RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN)

Article was moved by Scott Sanborn and seconded by Bruce Ells. Sharon Proulx stated that last year some resident taxes were demanded before the bills were sent out. She said she spoke to the Deputy Clerk so it would not happen in the future. Passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the Highway Block Grant Fund of \$18,956.15 for construction, reconstruction and maintenance of Class 4 or 5 highways and for the purchase of equipment. (RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN)

Article moved by Dick Jaeger and seconded by Frank Giner. Mr. Stevens asked what they anticipate purchasing with the money. Mrs. Daniels stated that they do not anticipate purchasing any equipment but that this is the way the article is always presented. No further discussion. The Article was passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$101,100 to resurface Cross Road and Tuttle Hill Road and to authorize the Selectmen to borrow such sum by the issuance of notes under the Municipal Finance Act.

(SELECTMEN HAVE NO RECOMMENDATION)

(BY 2/3 WRITTEN BALLOT VOTE)

Moved by Scott Sanborn and seconded by Fred Moore. Mr. Decato explained to the townspeople what the improvements would be. Mr. Giner asked how many miles of road it included. Mr. Decato stated it was 3,060 feet. He stated it would include complete reconstruction. Mr. Stratton, Mr. Jaeger, Mr. Cioffi and other residents spoke against the Article. Some of the reasons were the high cost, the financial burden it would be on some townspeople, issue of speed, and the possibility of

other lower cost options. Mr. Sanborn asked about the financing. Mr. Sova spoke in regard to that. Anita Watson asked about amending the Article. Danny Hazelton stated that any amendments need to be made before the article was voted on. Mr. Moore asked if there were other options discussed in the past. Mr. Decato explained what the other options were that had been discussed at the special meeting. Sharon Proulx inquired as to why the cost was so much higher this year. Mrs. Daniels stated that last year's request was for repaving and this year's cost was for complete reconstruction. Discussion was held whether the work would be guaranteed. An orange ballot was used. 34 ballots were cast.

Yes - 7 No - 27 The Article was defeated.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,183.00 as called for by the budget submitted to the Budget Committee, and pass any vote in relation thereto. (RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN)

No discussion. The Article passed by a voice vote.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will authorize the selectmen to apply to the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission to participate in its retail electric competition program. (RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN)

Moved by Joe Cioffi and seconded by Fred Moore. Mr. Jaeger asked if the selectmen could explain it. Mr.

Sova stated that it was a pilot program for competition on electric rates. This would only allow us to be considered. It does not guarantee that we will be chosen. Sharon Proulx asked how it would affect us since there are two different electric companies serving our town and how it would affect our town. Mr. Sova stated he was not sure as it is a pilot program but possibly the rates, through competition, might come down. Mrs. Sova asked if existing wires could be used or if new ones had to be put up. Mr. Moore and Mr. Pfaefflin stated they understood that the existing wires would be used. The question was moved and seconded. Passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 10: To hear the reports of agents, auditors, and other officers heretofore and pass any vote relative thereto. Mr. Giner asked about the highway expenditures. Mr. Hazelton stated that it was \$50,243.54. Mrs. Daniels stated that our town received \$12,343 from FEMA for the storm damage that occurred in November. Mrs. Proulx commented on the figure on page 12 of \$5,898.56 which was tax money received in 1996. Mrs. Daniels thanked Mr. and Mrs. Sova for the great job they did on the town report. A round of applause was given. Mr. Moore offered a resolution on the fine job the Board of Selectmen did in saving the town money. Mr. Cioffi asked if a warrant article was needed to appropriate money to fix the roads. Mr. Hazelton stated it had to be done in the future. Discussion

was held in regard to the fixing of the roads. Mrs. Daniels stated much work needs to be done on our roads. Mr. Giner asked if there could be a winter and summer expense breakdown. Discussion was held regarding the road contractor. Mrs. Daniels stated the current contractor has done an excellent job. Mr. Moore questioned about an impact fee for loggers. Discussion was held regarding this and the logging trucks travelling on the roads after the roads have been posted. It was stated that Andy Ware should be called. Further discussion was held regarding the posting of the roads. Nate Harpootlian made a resolution to have the next town report show the winter and summer cost of maintaining the roads. Residents agreed.

There being no further business, the Moderator adjourned the meeting at 7:55 pm. Polls were closed at 8:01 pm.

A True Copy Attest
Nancy A. Pike
Orange Town Clerk

